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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
DUVAL, DEAN LARRY, ET AL. : CONFIRMATION NO: 4966  
SERIAL NO.: 10/762,152 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3749  
FILED: January 21, 2004 : EXAMINER: STEPHEN M. GRAVINI  
FOR: VOLATILE MATERIAL DELIVERY :  
METHOD :  
P&G CASE: 9496 :

**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME, REQUEST FOR CONTINUING  
EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 16, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-145

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is a Request for Continuing Examination ("RCE") responsive to the final Office Action for the above-referenced application dated April 16, 2007. Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to this Action. Authorization is provided to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No.: 16-2480.

As a matter of review, the instant application as originally filed included Claims 1 - 37. The claims were subject to election. Applicants elected with traverse to proceed with the prosecution of the Claims of Group II (i.e.; Claims 7 - 18, 32, and 34 - 35). Applicants' June 9, 2006 Office Action response also added new Claims 38 and 39. A Notice of Allowance dated July 10, 2006 received by Applicants attorney indicated that Claims 12 - 18, 32, 38, and 39 were allowed. An Examiner's amendment included with the July 10, 2006 Notice of Allowance indicated that Claims 1 - 6, 19 - 32, 33, and 37 were cancelled. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that the cancellation of Claims 1 - 6, 19 - 32, 33, and 37 was without prejudice for the purpose of allowing Claims 12 - 18, 32, 38, and 39 to proceed to allowance. Applicants may elect to continue the prosecution of Claims 1 - 6, 19 - 32, 33, and 37 in a continuing application.

Applicants received a notice from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated August 9, 2006 that the Office sua sponte had withdrawn the instant application from issue. The accompanying Detailed Action indicated that Ex parte prosecution had been suspended for a period of six months. An Office Action dated November 3, 2006 was the first action received by Applicants since the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office had suspended prosecution. The response/RCE filed herewith is responsive to the April 16, 2007 final Office Action.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 3 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 5 of this paper.